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(SBU) Poloff delivered GAERC points to MFA Deputy Director Anu Laamanen on August 12. Finnish representatives were en route to Brussels and Laamanen had obtained no position draft as yet. She stated that Foreign Minister Stubb had met with Lavrov in the morning and that he had called Secretary Rice to give her a readout on the meeting. Sarkozy, Putin and Medvedev were in a closed door meeting at the time of the demarche and Laamanen awaited the results. She stated that French Foreign Minister Kouchner and Stubb would brief EU ministers the following day. Swedish FM Carl Bildt & Chair of Committee of Ministers, Council of Europe, would also recount his Tblisi trip. Laamanen stated that the GoF is especially grateful for Stubb's access to the Secretary and other USG officials during the course of this crisis.
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